Title: Need for extension of National Highway No. 214 from Pamarru to Ongole in Andhra Pradesh-Laid.

PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU (TENALI): Sir, NH-214 has been taken up deviating from NH-5 at Kattipudi and laid up to Pamarru in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh. The length of the completed road is 243 kms. There is necessity for extension of NH-214 from Pamarru up to Ongole *via* Challapalli, Puligadda, Repalle, Bhattiprolu, Bapatla and Chirala. The length of the proposed extension is 167 kms. The extension of NH-214 involves three bridges: Branch of Krishna River near Puligadda, Penumudi-Puligadd Bridge across Krishna River, and Bridge across Gundlakamma in Prakasam District.

Extension of NH-214 from Pamarru to Ongole provides great opportunities for improving rural economy and an alternative road also to NH-5 and thereby the pressure on NH-5 will get reduced sizeably. In addition, the distance between Kolkata and Chennai will also be reduced by about 80 kms. and thereby annual fuel saving will also be quite huge and to that extent sizeable foreign exchange saving will also be there.

I urge upon the Union Government to kindly take up the extension of NH-214 from Pamarru to Ongole at the earliest.